



APPENDIX 4.7

MARCOS DIARY ENTRY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1971

Marcos here talks about being stoic on the outside, but “irritable and sensitive” on the inside, though does not specify why. That the dinner described here had in attendance Ferdinand Marcos, Justice Fred Ruiz Castro, and Senator Jose Roy, Marcos’s partymate and president pro-tempore of the Senate of the Philippines, meant that there were representatives of all branches of government during these early stages of priming the country for martial law.

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILASept. 16, 1971
Thursday

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Painful but unavoidable. And I am deeply sad.

But all the more am I resolved to be strong and resilient.

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Sept. 16th (Cont)

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MANILA

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2. That in the event of an arrest by the military under the suspension, the court will issue the writ of habeas corpus but upon return by the detaining officer, the court would inquire if there was reasonable ground to believe that the detained person was guilty of rebellion or insurrection.

This looks dangerous because then the courts would be reviewing the evidence but then it might not be as under my own instructions "reasonable ground to believe that the crime of rebellion has been committed" is explicitly required.

3. That if I lift the suspension in the Visayas, Mindanao and some provinces of Luzon, the decision to uphold my proclamation would be unanimous.

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MANILA

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